

## MINUTES

### SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 11am at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE.

Provisional until confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.

#### PRESENT

Robin Gowler FSMAE	Chairman
Chris Moynihan	Vice-Chairman
Robin Sleight MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax FSMAE	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Technical Secretary
John French	Records Officer
Nigel Barker	PRO
Peter Leavesley	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate & RAeC Delegate
John Bridgett	Midland Area Delegate
Andy Symons	Northern Area Delegate
Tom Jones	North East Area Delegate
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate
Duncan McClure	South Midland Area Delegate
Keith Miller FSMAE	South East Area Delegate Alt
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Andrew Potts	Mid West Area Delegate
Aidan Lafferty	Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Peter Disney	South West Area Delegate & RNMAA Delegate
Paul Luby	RAFMAA Area Delegate
Trevor Grey	Free Flight TC Representative
Vernon Hunt	Control Line TC Representative
Keith Barker	R/CPTC Representative
Clive Needham	R/C SFTC Representative
Ian Pallister	Scale TC Representative
Allan Weighell FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative Alt

#### In Attendance

Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute Taker
Dave Phipps CEO	

#### Guest

George Maynard	Midland Area Chairman
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## AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To formally receive the following delegates:
  - a The RAeC Delegate
  - b The RNMAA Delegate
- 4 To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.~
- 5 To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.~
- 6 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 7 To:~
  - a Note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.
  - b Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate.
  - c Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.
  - d Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.
  - e Ratify Council appointed posts.
- 8 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
- 9 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 10 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.
- 11 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:~
  - a Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) from submitted proposals as follows:
    - i F1E Euro Champs Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager (including CVs) and Team
    - ii Free Flight Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager (including CVs) and Team
    - iii F2 World Championships Team
    - iv F3A Euro Champs Team Manager (including CV)
    - v F3A Euro Champs Team
    - vi F3C Euro Champs Team Manager (including CV)
    - vii F3C Euro Champs Team
    - viii F3N Euro Champs Team Manager (including CV)
    - ix F3N Euro Champs Team
    - x F5D World Champs Team Manager (including CV)
    - xi F5D World Champs Team
    - xii Space Modelling World Champs Team
    - xiii F4C World Champs Team, Team Manager (including CV)

- b Receipt of declarations from any Technical Committees that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team. :-~
- 12 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
- 13 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 14 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include the following proposal:
  - i To Amend the June 2011 (Issue 6) version of the Council Handbook to bring it in line with the November 2011 version of the Society's Articles of Association. See the attached Appendix for details. Given Council approval, the Council Handbook, when so revised, will then become version 6A of January 2012. In addition incorporate a minor clarification on voting for the first meeting of any Technical Committees.
  - ii To amend the June 2011 (Issue 6) version of the Council Handbook to add the text of Appendix B – Code of Conduct for Directors and Fellows. See the attached Appendix for the text of this proposed Code. Given Council approval, the Council Handbook, when so revised, will then become version 6A of January 2012. Note this Appendix is currently blank in anticipation of this section being added.
- 15 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 16 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
  - a Receipt and ratification of any outstanding contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
  - b Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.~
- 17 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following:
  - i) British Record Claims: (Appended in full)
    - a) Bruce Illingworth – F3D Pylon Race
    - b) Ben Jones/Geb Jones – F3D Pylon Race
    - c) Ben Jones/Geb Jones – F3D Pylon Race
  - ii) Request from Silent Flight Technical Committee that they wish to re-allocate the Importeknik Trophy (115) from F5B 7 Cell to the F5B League (open class). The F5B 7 cell class was not contested in 2011 and appears to have been overtaken by technology.
- 18 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 19 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
- 20 To receive the following proposals:
  - i) From Control Line Technical Committee that the cut-off date for nominations for the BMFA "Pilot of the Year" trophy should be the end of third week in October in the year of achievement.
  - ii) From Control Line Technical Committee that the cut-off date for nominations for flying related RAeC and FAI awards should be the end of third week in October in any year notwithstanding the specific rules of the RAeC.

- iii) From Control Line Technical Committee that in the event of extreme weather conditions which make flying unsafe at the RC, CL & Scale British National Championships, classes may be postponed and flown at a later date, provided that the class was attempted to be flown at those National Championships. If a class competition is postponed under these extreme weather conditions then it must be flown no later than the fourth Sunday in October of the same year.
- iv) From R/C Power Technical Committee that Council uses 50% of the additional money raised from the increase of the BMFA Membership fee (over and above that requested by the Hon Treasurer) to build up the GB Teams Competition fund.
- v) From R/C Power Technical Committee that Council review with urgency the situation regarding Team Funding with the aim of forming a new policy for significantly increasing the central Team Fund.

R/C Power Technical Committee wishes to express its deep concern to Full Council regarding the future funding of GB Teams taking part in World and European Championship events. These events are getting ever more expensive to attend with the result that often the GB teams do not always comprise of the best available fliers due to those individuals being often financially constrained through lack of sufficient support.

- 21 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
  - a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
  - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
  - c Air Prox
  - d Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
  
- 22 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):
  - a CAA Team
  - b UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)
  - c Education Working Group
  - d Flight Challenge
  - e University Challenge
  - f Computer Sub-Committee
  - g Safety Review Committee
  - h Achievement Scheme Review Committee
  - i BMFA News Publishers
  - j Flying Site Adviser's Report
  - k BMFA Archivist

23 Any Other Business.

Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be sent or handed to the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.

Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.

24 Date of next meeting.

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## MINUTES

A minute silence was held in memory of Mike Feaver who lost his battle to cancer on December 27<sup>th</sup> 2011.

### 765/01/12 (1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from the FAI Delegate and Southern Area Delegate.

### 766/01/12 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

A request had been received from Mike Colling FSMAE Indoor TC & Education Co-ordinator, which was duly granted.

### 767/01/12 (3) To formally receive the following delegates:

Martin Dilly FSMAE Royal Aero Club  
Peter Disney RNMAA

### 768/01/12 (4) To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.

EAST ANGLIA	Peter Leavesley
LONDON	Martin Dilly FSMAE
MIDLAND	John Bridgett
NORTHERN	Andrew Symons
NORTH EAST	Tom Jones
NORTH WEST	David Lloyd-Jones
SOUTH MIDLAND	Duncan McClure
SOUTH EAST	To be confirmed
SOUTHERN	Stuart Simpson
WESTERN	Phil Durant
MID WEST	Andrew Potts
SOUTH WEST	Peter Disney
NORTHERN IRELAND	Aidan Lafferty
RAFMAA	Paul Luby

### 769/01/12 (5) To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.

FREE FLIGHT	Trevor Grey
CONTROL LINE	Vernon Hunt
R/C POWER	Keith Barker
R/C SILENT FLIGHT	Clive Needham
SCALE	Ian Pallister
INDOOR	Mike Colling FSMAE

Proposed by Vice-Chairman  
Seconded by North West Area  
Carried unanimously

### 770/01/12 (6) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were 27 members eligible to vote.

**771/01/12 (7) To note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen, Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations, Ratify Council appointed sub-committees, Ratify Council appointed posts.**

**a)Tech Committee Chairmen**

FREE FLIGHT	Mike Woodhouse FSMAE
CONTROL LINE	Chris Barker
R/C POWER	Paul Bardoe
R/C SILENT FLIGHT	Ian Duff
SCALE	Ian Pallister
INDOOR	Allan Weighell FSMAE

**b) Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate**

Jo Halman FSMAE  
Proposed by Records Officer  
Seconded by London Area  
Carried unanimously

**c) Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.**

Royal Aero Club (RAeC)	Martin Dilly FSMAE
GASCO	Robin Gowler FSMAE
Airprox	Development Officer
Sport & Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)	Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE
General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)	Development Officer

Proposed by Silent Flight Technical Committee  
Seconded by East Anglia Area  
Carried unanimously

**d) Ratify Council appointed sub-committees**

**BMFA Safety Review Sub Committee**

Vice Chairman  
Technical Secretary  
Development Officer  
ESAG  
Specialist from each Tech Committee as required  
NB: Information to be copied to Technical Secretary

**Awards Committee**

Vice Chairman  
RAeC Delegate  
Allan Weighell FSMAE  
Gordon Warburton FSMAE  
Jim Andrews FSMAE  
Tech Council Representative  
Areas Council Representative

**CAA**

Chris Bromley FSMAE  
Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE  
CEO  
Development Officer

<u>UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)</u>	Chris Bromley FSMAE Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE
<u>Education Working Group</u>	Mike Colling FSMAE Area Co-ordinators
<u>BMFA News Publishers</u>	Kath Watson FSMAE John French Keith Lomax FSMAE
<u>Computer Committee</u>	Chris Bromley FSMAE Dave Phipps – Chief Executive Linda Harding – Office Manager
<u>Areas Council</u>	Members as detailed in the Areas Council Terms of Reference
<u>Technical Council</u>	Members as detailed in the Technical Council Terms of Reference
<u>The Executive</u>	The nine elected Executive Officers Chief Executive

The above Council appointed sub-committees were ratified en bloc

Proposed by the Silent Flight Technical Committee  
Seconded by East Anglia Area  
Carried unanimously

#### **e) Ratify Council appointed posts**

PAS Controller Peter Spurway

Proposed by CLTC  
Seconded by Technical Secretary  
Vote: For: 26  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

SF AS Controller Chris Moynihan

Proposed by Indoor TC  
Seconded by the Honorary Secretary  
Carried unanimously

Archivist Kath Watson FSMAE

Proposed by North West Area  
Seconded by London Area  
Carried unanimously

**772/01/12 (8) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

**Page 9**

- **Action column** - Add "Comp Sec" to both action points on page 9.

**Page 11**

- **Action column** – Replace "FAI Del" with "OFFICE".

**Page 17**

- **First two paragraphs** – In both cases replace "Indoor Scale" with "Scale Indoor".

**Page 19**

- **Third paragraph, second line** – Replace "use" with "using".

**The Competition Secretary proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 be accepted as a true record.**

Seconded by Scale TC

Vote: For: 20  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 7

Carried by a majority vote.

**773/01/12 (9) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.**

**Page 12**

- **Final paragraph, annual ratification of Honorary Members** – John Worth is now deceased and should be deleted from the list.

**ACTION/NOTES**

**OFFICE MGR**

**Page 15**

- **First paragraph after Record Claims, lack of compliance in respect of 7 day notification for record claims** – The Competition Secretary commented that she felt we had provided sufficient notice of the requirement for the 7 day notification for record claims. It appeared on the web site as soon as it had been agreed at Full Council and was also included in the Records book in January 2011.

**Page 17**

- **Top of page, venue Scale Indoor Nationals** – Venue is confirmed as Nottingham University.

**Page 18**

- **Penultimate paragraph, deferred Scale flying competition at the Power Nationals 2011** – Scale reported that the flying element of the Scale Nationals was subsequently arranged for the end of September 2011 however the event was cancelled due to the incursion of travellers on to the site.

The Records Officer commented that as far as he is concerned if the event had taken place subsequently to the Power Nationals it would not have made any difference to the published results.

**- Fourth paragraph from the bottom, no longer possible to fly Control Line speed and team race at the Power Nationals due to bad state of repair of Control Line runway** – London Area asked if there had been any further discussion with regard to rectifying the situation for 2012 Control Line Nationals.

Discussion is ongoing in respect of this issue.

**Page 19**

**- Third paragraph, Indoor Duration Nationals 2012** - It was reported in September that the event would probably be split over two weekends however negotiations are in place to hold the event over a 3 day weekend in June 2012.

**- Action Office Manager to arrange for Awards Nomination form to be made available on the web** – Ongoing.

OFFICE MGR

This concluded matters arising.

**774/01/12 (10) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.**

We are on target for a break-even or small surplus this year. The Honorary Treasurer reminded Technical Committees that for training and excellence budgets to be submitted in August they are expected as per a Council decision some years ago, to actually submit a breakdown of what the money is to be used for.

The Honorary Treasurer had provided Tech Committee reps with a copy of a paper comprising an example of the level of detail that is required in respect of training and excellence.

There was some discussion with regard to the interpretation of the criteria required when putting together the training and excellence budget in particular that the aim is to improve the prospects of GB teams winning medals at World and European Championships. Free Flight thought the scope was a lot broader than that.

The Honorary Treasurer quoted a sentence from the document that “the intention of training and excellence is that money should be used by the current members of the team including reserves and for judges or coaches where applicable for that discipline.”

This has been the intent of this budget since he first became Honorary Treasurer.

Scale commented that they interpreted it that the funding goes to the selected team members and reserves and they open up the training sessions to anyone else who wants to go along to gain experience but they don't get the mileage paid.

It was agreed that this topic would be best discussed at Technical Council.

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**AGENDA ITEM – TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 2012** – To discuss and clarify the criteria for training and excellence budget.

**OFFICE MGR**

From a financial point of view with regard to receiving membership subscriptions, we are currently ahead of this time last year by approximately 1,000 members.

The Honorary Treasurer reminded delegates that any outstanding expense claims need to be submitted to the Accounts Manager before the end of March.

**775/01/12 (11) International Teams for this year's World and European Championships.**

**a) Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers.**

The Competition Secretary requested that Technical Committees when submitting Team proposals for the future send them as individual proposals for Team and Team Manager/Assistant Team Manager because several of the proposals submitted for ratification today comprised Teams and Team Manager/Assistant Team Manager on the same proposal.

The Competition Secretary introduced the various Team, Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager proposals, including additional proposals not included on the agenda.

The Competition Secretary highlighted an issue with regard to the F5D team proposal and the reasoning for their team selection process which gave rise to a short debate.

A further issue was raised because there were no voting figures or signature on the proposal form.

***The Competition Secretary requested that a vote is taken separately for F5D Team proposal. Agenda item 11a) xi.***

2012 World Championship Team for F5D to be held between 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in Buzau, Romania

Pilots

Darron Rodrigues (78992) Colin Dilloway (027140)

Dan Kennedy ((166602)

*Ratification of Teams Cont/d.....*

Ratification  
of Teams  
cont/d...

Callers  
Colin Dilloway (027140)      A N other      A N other

Proposed by RCPTC  
Seconded by RNMAA  
Vote:            For:    13  
                    Ags:    2  
                    Abs:    12

Carried

RCPTC Delegate confirmed the voting figures for the above proposal from the minutes of the RCPTC meeting which were: 12 For 0 Abs 0 Ags.

### **Post Agenda**

F1D Team Manager Nick Aikman, F1D Team Seniors, F1D Team Juniors

Discussion ensued with regard to very young team members for F1D Junior Team.

It was suggested, as the Junior team members are so young, a separate Team Manager should be put forward. Indoor TC will submit, post Council meeting, a proposal for a Team Manager for the F1D Junior Team.

**Indoor TC**

Proposed by Indoor TC  
Seconded by SFTC  
Vote:            For:    23  
                    Ags:    2  
                    Abs:    2

Carried by a majority vote.

The following proposals as per agenda, for Teams, Team Managers, Assistant Team Managers were voted en bloc:

- i F1E Euro Champs Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager (including CVs) and Team
- ii Free Flight Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager (including CVs) and Team
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- iv F3A Euro Champs Team Manager (including CV)
- v F3A Euro Champs Team
- vi F3C Euro Champs Team Manager (including CV)
- vii F3C Euro Champs Team
- viii F3N Euro Champs Team Manager (including CV)
- ix F3N Euro Champs Team
- x F5D World Champs Team Manager (including CV)
- xi F5D World Champs Team
- xii Space Modelling World Champs Team
- xiii F4C World Champs Team, Team Manager (including CV)

Ratification  
of Teams  
cont/d...

Ratification of  
Teams cont/d....

Proposed by the Competition Secretary  
Seconded by Scale TC  
Vote: For: 26  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

Team information received post agenda for consideration.

F3F Team Manager – No team yet  
F3J Team Manager and Team (no towmen yet)  
F3K Team Manager and Senior Team  
F3K Junior  
F5B Team (2 people) – no Team Manager yet

The Competition Secretary proposed the above for ratification.

Seconded by Vice-Chair  
Carried unanimously.

F2 Control Line Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager.  
Proposed by CLTC  
Seconded by London Area  
Carried unanimously.

**b) Receipt and declaration from any Technical Committee that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team.**

As above.

**776/01/12 (12) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**CEO**

Roger Bellingham has stood down as the Flying Site Adviser due to ill health.

On that basis we re-advertised in the latest BMFA News for the Club Support Officer vacancy. It is anticipated this role will encompass the Flying Site advisory work.

The search is ongoing to recruit a new Honorary Legal Adviser/Solicitor as a result of the demise of our previous Honorary Solicitor Reg Bench.

The new insurance arrangements were in place from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. There are several additional projects in the pipeline with the insurers including a group scheme for clubs to insure their equipment at a far more competitive price than purchasing their own policy.

We are also looking at other schemes such as equipment cover and workshop cover for members.

A sponsorship agreement has been secured with the insurers for £30,000 per year including VAT up to 2014. Some of which was committed at the last Council Meeting in terms of some additional team funding.

Other uses for the funding that we are looking at are the University Challenge, which has lost its sponsor and any replacement for the Schools Flight Challenge.

Unfortunately there has been an issue with the submission of the CIAM Scholarship for Jamie Griffin because we missed the deadline for submission, which caused embarrassment for everyone concerned.

In discussion with our sponsors they are quite happy for the BMFA to offer a Doodsons Bursary for the next three years, with Jamie Griffin being the first recipient.

There were initially some issues with booking dates for Barkston Heath for 2012 due to a change in personnel at Cranwell but thankfully with the intervention of the Station Commander the situation has been restored to what it should be.

We are still actively looking to secure a venue for the Silent Flight Nationals. One of the venues recently visited, Arena UK, is not one that is suitable for the Silent Flight Nationals but SFTC will probably be using it for other events.

He has also been working with Jim Wright who was appointed by the Executive to work as liaison between the BMFA and various Museums. Jim has worked very hard over recent months and has visited lots of potential sites for us to have exhibitions or museum space. As a result of his efforts there are two very good prospects in mind which we will investigate further and hopefully report back to Council in May.

Since the last meeting the AGM and Presentation Dinner was held which, was very successful.

Shows/events attended include:

The Flying Show at the NEC which is organised by the British Microlight Aircraft Association. That was supported by the Chairman, Company Secretary, Development Officer, Office Manager and PRO.

Electric Indoor Masters at Bradford, which made a small surplus this year. Thanks to Manny for excellent financial control on that.

Membership is off to a good start, we are 1,000 members up on this time last year. He congratulated the staff who have been under fairly significant pressure and have done a magnificent job.

There have been a few issues with setting up the online club map service on the website however we are in negotiations with a different company to provide the service and hopefully they will be able to complete the task.

One year on after starting the process of online payments with Barclays we finally decided to move forward with a different company. The company is called Card Save who is part of the World pay group and they have a special scheme specifically for organisations like ours, not for profit. The charges are much less than Barclays, pay pal and other equivalent providers. We hope to have a simple system in place available on the website by the end of January.

Work is still ongoing with regard to the update of the BMFA website. We will be reviewing all tenders previously received as well as considering the new tenders that are still to be received.

### **Chairman**

He has been involved in most of the activities previously mentioned by the CEO. He regularly attends the office to meet with the CEO and discuss current affairs and keep up to date.

He has attended the following events:  
The AGM and presentation dinner which he hosted was very successful.

The Flying Show at the NEC and the Electric Indoor Masters in Bradford. He also attended the staff Christmas Dinner.

He represented the Society at the Battle of Britain Memorial Service at Westminster Abbey at the end of September.

He attended, together with the CEO, the Battle of Britain Flight at Coningsby towards the end of September, to thank them for their efforts at the Power Nationals in August.

### **777/01/12 (13) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.**

He attended the AGM and acted as MC at the presentation dinner. In his opinion he feels the move to Barcelo Hotel is proving to be a better decision now than we ever thought.

He helped with putting together the Code of Conduct section which now appears in the revised Articles of Association document, which the Honorary Secretary has been working tirelessly to update.

He attended a meeting of the Silent Flight Technical Committee in his capacity as a member of that Committee.

### **778/01/12 (14) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.**

He provided Council with a brief update on the South West Cornwall/Devon sub-committees situation and all seems to be continuing peacefully at the moment.

He is proposing to provide written operating rules for clubs in the Devon Area so that they are aware exactly the basis on which he will be running the Area.

The Honorary Secretary put forward two proposals for Council's consideration.

- i To Amend the June 2011 (Issue 6) version of the Council Handbook to bring it in line with the November 2011 version of the Society's Articles of Association. See the attached Appendix for details. Given Council approval, the Council Handbook, when so revised, will then become version 6A of January 2012. In addition incorporate a minor clarification on voting for the first meeting of any Technical Committees.

The Honorary Secretary pointed out that subsequent to the published document it was necessary to make some trivial changes to tidy up the English. In addition there is one other minor change on page 57 of the existing Council Handbook, Appendix N Awards procedure – the date for deadline to receive nominations should be changed to 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The proviso to the above proposal is that the Articles will be subject to ongoing review during the year and any changes would be put forward to the AGM in November. If anybody has any comments for consideration, the Honorary Secretary would be more than happy to receive them.

**The Honorary Secretary put forward the above proposal to Council for consideration, to include the minor alterations as outlined above.**

Seconded by the PRO

Following debate, Council agreed to the deletion of item (f) Section 1.6 Disqualification "that person is requested to resign by a 75% majority of **all** the other members of the Council acting together".

Vote:	For:	24
	Ags:	2
	Abs:	1

Carried by a majority vote.

- ii To amend the June 2011 (Issue 6) version of the Council Handbook to add the text of Appendix B – Code of Conduct for Directors and Fellows. See the attached Appendix for the text of this proposed Code. Given Council approval, the Council Handbook, when so revised, will then become version 6A of January 2012. Note this Appendix is currently blank in anticipation of this section being added.

Seconded by the PRO

A question was raised in relation to 14.4 Breaches of this Code of Conduct – legal representation at a hearing. The consensus was no change is required at this time.

Vote: For: 22  
Ags: 3  
Abs: 2

Carried by a majority vote.

**779/01/12 (15) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary**

The eight page addendum sheet was published in BMFA News in December. To date there has been no feedback. It is now posted on the website.

The unofficial 2012 Members Handbook which includes the information contained in the addendum sheet is also published on the website.

The Rulebooks are virtually ready.

Unfortunately due to a technical problem receiving emails, he did not receive notice of the annual meeting with the CAA and therefore did not attend. He registered his apologies to Council for non attendance.

The Technical Secretary made the usual request to Areas to provide him with details of events for the contest calendar.

**780/01/12 (16) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:**

**a) Receipt and ratification of any outstanding contests for this year's FAI Calendar.**

There are six International Competitions being hosted in the UK for 2012.

F3J competitions, Duration Soaring 6/7 May and Multi task Soaring 7/8 July.

F5B Eurotour competition

2 Free Flight competitions

F3A competition

Technical Committees were urged to provide the Technical Secretary with details of the relevant International competitions for publication in the contest calendar.

**b) Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.**

**FREE FLIGHT**

Juniors: All classes/all events Free

Season Tickets: Not available

Centralised: Site Access Charge £6  
1st Class £4  
Subsequent classes £2 per class

Area Centralised: Site Access Charge As set by Area  
1st Class £4  
Subsequent classes £2 per class

Team Selection: Seniors £25  
(pre- entry mandatory) for  
the single meeting spread  
over two weekends.  
One fee enters all 3 classes.

Nationals: Airfield Pass £10 for three  
days  
£5 for one day  
1st Class £10  
For Championship events  
1st Class £5  
Non Championship Events  
Subsequent classes £10  
For Championship events  
Subsequent classes £5  
Non Championship Events  
Unlimited classes £45  
Pre-entry requested for all events.  
On-field entry at 50% surcharge.

F1E Meetings Same as Area Centralised

FAIR Site charge only for all meetings  
including team trials

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**CONTROL LINE**

Juniors: Half the senior fee for all Centralised  
competitions

Season Tickets: Not available £0

Centralised: 1st Class £15

Team Selection: £15

Nationals: To be advised after 2012 CL Nationals  
Planning meeting in late February

*Contest Fees for 2012 .../cont*

**INDOOR**

Single Event £15 per day

Season Ticket N/A

Provisional Nationals Entry Fees - £1.50 per class pre-entry (£2.50 on the day), Venue costs variable dependent on venue.

Junior Entry Unlimited entry £4 per day.

Team Selection Events Entry Fees - £25 per day, Juniors £4 per day

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**SILENT FLIGHT**

**TBA**

Single event fees F3B/F3J/F5B £10  
F3K/eSoaring £7

Season Ticket F3J 3 events £25

Nationals To be decided when venue secured.

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**RADIO CONTROL**

**RC Pylon (i/c)**

Juniors: All classes/all events N/A

Season Tickets: Not available N/A

Centralised: £18.00

Team Selection: F3D £40.00

Nationals: All classes £20.00 per event

**RC Pylon (electric)**

Juniors: All classes/all events N/A

Season Tickets: Not available N/A

Centralised: All classes £15.00

Team Selection/League N/A

Nationals: 1st class £20.00

E2k £20

Club 2000 £20

**RC Helicopter**

Juniors: All classes/all events N/A

Season Tickets: Not available N/A

Centralised: 1<sup>st</sup> Class £30.00 F3C

Team Selection: All classes £10.00  
per round two rounds

**Contest Fees for 2012 .../cont**

<u>Nationals:</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	£30.00 F3C
	Sportsmans	£25.00
	F3N	£20.00
	Clubman	£25.00
	Scale Heli	£20

**RC Aerobatics**

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	£25
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£0
<u>Centralised:</u>	F3A	£25.00
<u>Team Selection:</u>	F3A	£25.00 per round
	four rounds	
<u>Nationals:</u>		£30.00

None of these were confirmed as GBRCAA provided no inform: and did not attend RCPTC meeting.

**IMAC Aerobatics**

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	£15 including
	Nationals	
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£0
<u>Centralised:</u>	One day	£N/A
	Two day	£N/A
<u>Nationals</u>		£30.00 Seniors
	all classes	
		£15.00 Juniors
	all classes	

**Fun Fly**

<u>Nationals</u>		£20
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**SCALE**

<u>Centralised events</u>	RC	£15
	Or Season Ticket	£70
	CL	£11
	FF	£3
	Indoor	£16
	Including first class, £3.50 for additional classes	

<u>Nationals</u>	RC	£30
	CL	£16
	FF	£12
	Indoor	£16
	For registration and £3.50 per class	

<u>Team Trials</u>	£20
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<u>Juniors</u>	Free
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**781/01/12 (17) To receive a report from the Records Officer.**

The Records Officer commended the following British Record Claims for ratification.

Bruce Illingworth 74760  
F3D Pylon Racing – RAF Wittering – 25 Sept 2011  
Race time 57.86 secs (Heat)

Ben Jones/Geb Jones 89029/85217  
F3D Pylon Racing – RAF Wittering – 25 Sept 2011  
Race time 57.86 secs (Heat)

Ben Jones/Geb Jones 89029/85217  
F3D Pylon Racing – RAF Wittering – 16 Oct 2011  
Race time 57.48 secs (Heat)

Seconded by Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

**REC OFFICER  
OFFICE MGR**

The Records Officer received the following request from Silent Flight Technical Committee which he commended to Council for ratification.

Importeknik Trophy (115) is re-allocated from F5B 7 Cell to the F5B League (open class).

**REC OFFICER**

Seconded by SFTC  
Carried unanimously

**782/01/12 (18) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.**

He attended a Free Flight Technical Committee meeting, which he found very interesting.

He attended the Flying Show at the NEC and the Electric Indoor Masters in Bradford.

He is looking forward to the coming year and urged Delegates to get in touch if he can be of any assistance with the promotion of events/shows or advice on ways to get sponsorship.

We always need good quality photographs for the BMFA stands and any donations would be gratefully received.

**783/01/12 (19) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.**

\*\*\*\*\* **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX A)**

**784/01/12 (20) To receive the following proposals.**

- i) From Control Line Technical Committee that the cut-off date for nominations for the BMFA "Pilot of the Year" trophy should be the end of third week in October in the year of achievement.
- ii) From Control Line Technical Committee that the cut-off date for nominations for flying related RAeC and FAI awards should be the end of third week in October in any year notwithstanding the specific rules of the RAeC.

\*\*\*\*\* **AGENDA ITEM MAY FULL COUNCIL – Include above two proposals.** **OFFICE MGR**

The above two proposals were deferred to the May Council Meeting. The Chairman explained that a decision has to be made at the RAeC Council meeting in a couple of week's time that might have a bearing on the above proposals.

- iii) From Control Line Technical Committee that in the event of extreme weather conditions which make flying unsafe at the RC, CL & Scale British National Championships, classes may be postponed and flown at a later date, provided that the class was attempted to be flown at those National Championships. If a class competition is postponed under these extreme weather conditions then it must be flown no later than the fourth Sunday in October of the same year.

Seconded by the Competition Secretary

The Records Officer lodged his disapproval of the above proposal.

Discussion ensued. Several points were raised and with the consent of Control Line it was agreed they would review the wording in consultation with the Technical Secretary and represent the proposal at the May Council Meeting.

**CLTC/TECH  
SEC**

The following points were suggested to be incorporated in the revised proposal:

A fall-back date; Who can call the postponement; Results to be received within 48 hours of the competition being held; Only entrants who entered the Nationals can re-enter; Must be included in the general rule book.

It was also suggested the concept should be included for discussion at Technical Council.

\*\*\*\*\* **AGENDA ITEM – MARCH TECHNICAL COUNCIL – To discuss proposal from CLTC (to be produced in full for Tech Council Agenda)** **OFFICE MGR**

- iv) From R/C Power Technical Committee that Council uses 50% of the additional money raised from the increase of the BMFA Membership fee (over and above that requested by the Hon Treasurer) to build up the GB Teams Travel fund.

Seconded by London Area

Vote: For: 4  
Ags: 21  
Abs: 2

Defeated by a majority vote.

- v) From R/C Power Technical Committee that Council review with urgency the situation regarding Team Funding with the aim of forming a new policy for significantly increasing the central Team Fund.

Seconded by Silent Flight Technical Committee

Vote: For: 21  
Ags: 3  
Abs: 3

Carried by a majority vote.

After various comments and views were aired the Vice Chairman suggested a way forward to implement the concept of the proposal, would be to obtain the views of all Technical Committees and bring them back to Full Council at a later date. He volunteered to undertake this process.

The Chairman will take this on board and Council will be informed in due course of what action is taken.

**CHAIRMAN**

***POST MEETING NOTE – The Chairman has appointed a working group under the leadership of the Vice-Chairman to progress this matter.***

**785/01/12 (21) To receive any report from the following Delegates**

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a) **Royal Aero Club Delegate (RAeC)**  
**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX B)**

In addition the RAeC Delegate reminded Council members that the 2012 Bursaries are available for bids and to check out the process on the RAeC Trust website.

Provisional date for the RAeC Awards Ceremony has been set for 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at the RAF Club in London.

- b) **General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)**  
Nothing to report.
- c) **Air Prox** – Nothing to Report.
- d) **Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)**  
Nothing to report.

- e) **General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)** – Nothing to report.

**786/01/12 (22) To receive any reports from the following Committees.**

a) **CAA Team**

Representatives from BMFA, LMA, SAA and BARCS who were present at the annual CAA review meeting were unanimous in concerns raised at that meeting with regard to First Person View (FPV) flying.

It is apparent that there had been a breach of the agreement set up with the CAA and the BMFA allowing FPV flying only whilst a second person buddy box operation is in place.

The FPV UK Association it seems has been granted exemption by the CAA, without consultation with the BMFA, to fly without the requirement for second person buddy box operation.

Consequently the re-issue of CAP 658 has been delayed. The CAA sought BMFA input over a year ago and at that point it was ready for issue. Subsequently additional text has been submitted from FPV UK Association. The CAA asked for the considered views of the Associations present at the meeting as to whether the text should be included in CAP 658 and the Associations were unanimous in their view that it should be ignored and CAP 658 should be issued forthwith.

Nothing more has been heard from the CAA to date.

An action was placed on the Development Officer to follow up with the CAA what the current situation is vis-à-vis FPV flying and the re-issue of CAP 658.

**DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICER**

b) **UKRCC**

The Technical Secretary informed Council that there is some evidence that at large shows 2.4GHz can begin to be swamped. Guidance has been issued in the Member's Handbook addendum sheet.

c) **Education Working Group.**  
\*\*\*\*\* **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

d) **Flight Challenge** – Under review.

e) **University Challenge** – Will be taking place on 9/10 June at Elvington. Plans are well under way.

f) **Computer Sub-Committee** – Covered earlier in the meeting.

g) **Safety Review Committee** – Nothing to report.

h) **ASRC**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)**

i) **BMFA News Publishers**  
Congratulations were extended to John Irish, BMFA News Advertising Agent for doing an excellent job. This was echoed by the CEO who also informed Council that John Irish has also taken on the sales of the advertising for the Nationals programme, which now generates money rather than costing money.

j) **BMFA Archivist**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)**

**787/01/12 (23) Any Other Business**

There was none.

**788/01/12 (24) Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting was confirmed as **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012** at **The Gliding Centre, Husbands Bosworth.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 16.50pm.

FAI Delegate Report January 2012 Council Meeting.

The new FAI website is up and running and the format is very different to the old website. This is a result of the new corporate image which the FAI wishes to present, where all of the Commission Sites now have the same format. There are number of issues still to be resolved not least the formatting of the sporting (events) calendar. I am assured that they will be corrected in the near future.

Unfortunately, due to an oversight, the application for the CIAM scholarship on behalf of Jamie Griffin was not forwarded to the FAI office. The CEO will be dealing with this at this meeting.

The October Technical Council meeting reviewed a number of rule change proposals which were subsequently submitted to the FAI for consideration at the 2012 Plenary meeting.

I am proposing that Jo Halman be appointed as the alternate FAI delegate for 2012. Jo already attends Bureau and Plenary meetings with her travel and accommodation funded by CIAM so there would be a financial benefit for the BMFA. More importantly there would be the added advantage to the BMFA because this would give the BMFA an official voice at Bureau meetings.

The 2012 Plenary meeting will have technical meetings for F1D, F2, F3J, F4, F5B&D and Space Modelling, plus the annual Education Meeting. I will advise the Technical Committee secretaries as soon as the agenda is published. I would like to remind all Technical Committees that I am keen to have representatives at all of these Technical Meetings. If representatives do not attend them we minimise our chances of getting good rule changes.

Peter Halman

FAI Delegate 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – September, 2011**

I attended the RAeC Council meeting on Sept.29th and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

- 1) The FAI Secretary-General, in post for less than two years, during which time he caused a major problem for CIAM, has been replaced by Jean-Marc Badan, who has an aviation background and has been part of the FAI office staff for a number of years. The general opinion was that this could only be an improvement. .
- 2) Some of the other airports associations have an almost unlimited number of possible records, e.g. point-to-point speed records between any two airfields in the world. There was some discussion about how the administration costs of processing these should be handled, both by associations and the FAI While the BMFA meet the limited costs of the few model available flying world records, and I do not suggest this should change, some of the small UK associations with a handful of members may have to meet costs of several hundred pounds when international checks on matters like routes, arrival and departure times have to be made and GPS logs verified.
- 3) Despite some reservations, it appears that the World Air Games will take place in 2015 at a venue yet to be decided.
- 4) The effect on the RAeC and its associations of the poor exchange rate for sterling against other currencies was discussed. It is intended that the RAeC treasurer forward buys Swiss francs with the aim of minimizing the expenditure on the FAI and Europe Air Sports subscriptions. The BMFA's element of this is likely to rise by around £1800 for 2012-13
- 5) A mock-up of the new RAeC website was presented, and member associations are asked to ensure that appropriate links are set up. There still remains the need for someone with a broad airports awareness to be appointed to act as news-gatherer and editor
- 6) BMFA scale flyers may be interested to learn that the RAeC's archiving programme has discovered 1200 pre-1914 aviation photographs and made them available on Picasa.
- 7) The Queen's Cup, available for any airport to bid for annually, has been allocated for 2012 to the BMAA to use for their Ultra-Light Single Seat Rally (with the interesting acronym of USSR...)

Martin Dilly  
RAeC Delegate

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## Education Working Group Report BMFA Council 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012

As you know I have sent my request for permission to be absent as I am on the BMFA Education Stand at the Association of Science Education annual meeting this year held at the Liverpool University. This is the best place to come in to contact with up to 5,000 science educators of all levels. The more observant of you will have noticed that I attended the Society's last AGM as Manny and I decided to give the D & T Show at the NEC a miss for a year. The D & T Show is quite an expensive event to have a stand at and we both felt that the show was getting a bit stale. However the Education Working Group still think that the building and flying of model aircraft is a good educational tool for both Craft Design & Technology and Science.

With the cancellation of the Children's Flight Challenge due to lack of entrants this year it would be sad to see the event end after all the hard work put in to it by so many people over the years. I decided to have a fresh look at the challenge and to see what schools really required from such an event. I talked to some schools that were local to me who had never taken part in the event and the following is what I have gathered :-

All schools questioned were happy entering contests, events or challenges and keen on a challenge based on flight.

Primary schools prefer to have 'in house' events as travelling has so many problems.

Secondary Schools are happy going to venues local to the school but if a mixed group go it requires two staff members, this can be a problem.

When asked what sort of cost that they would be happy with the primary school said up to £5 and the secondary school said up to £30 per participant.

Keeping in mind what the schools told me I have devised four events, two for primary & two for secondary school age groups with all the flights to be carried out on the school premises.

This will produce a cost effective event.

A full discussion document has been written and passed on to the Development Officer for his comment and amendment. I am hoping that this will kick start the event.

As I am writing this report at the beginning of December it may be of interest to look at the BMFA Education Programme in terms of kits sold. I can only look at kits produced by Sky Hi Products but it should give an indication of the Education Programme's success. Total production of education kits produced by Sky Hi Products has reached 253,754 of which 129,579 are BMFA Darts. Kits produced for 2011 was 11,443. This was a decrease of 5059 on 2010 and is probably due to some extent to the recession.

It may be interesting to note that in 2011, 47% of all production is sold by the BMFA Office, 41.3% of production went directly to schools, 6.3% of production went directly to youth organisations and the remaining 5.4% to private individuals. Comparing this with 2010 figures the number of kits sold to schools has gone down by nearly 7.5% whilst the kits sold to youth organisations went up by over 1.6% and kits sold to the BMFA Office went up by 7%. Make of this what you will.

Mike Colling  
Education Working Group.

ASRC Report to Full Council 7/1/2012.

**The 2012 Standards and guideline booklets of the achievement scheme tests have been on the website since mid December there has been a number of small additions and clarifications but no major changes.**

**The Scale C was accepted by Areas council and ACE training will be taking place throughout the year at various scale events, many thanks to the Scale tech committee and Ian Pallister especially, for their invaluable input and assistance with this addition to the Achievement scheme.**

**Duncan McClure has been doing excellent work on the formulation of a Gas Turbine C and has had excellent and positive feedback from the JMA, GTBA and other jet fliers and if areas council accepts the Gas Turbine C in principle and with the valued help of the JMA, ACE training will hopefully be taking place throughout this year ready for an inception date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 for the Gas Turbine 'C'.**

**As of the next mASRC meeting the minutes will be emailed to all ACE's rather than a hardcopy posted, unless an ACE specifically requests a hardcopy.**

**ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COULCIL MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Archiving the book collection, which includes books bequeathed from Tom Whittle, Ron Moulton, FSMAE, Vice President and David Baker is just about up to date. Archiving of the magazine collections are in progress and should be up to date in the next few weeks.

The identification of the old photograph donated by John O'Donnell has had a good response from the request in the last BMFA News for any information and I can tell you that the photograph was taken in The Horseshoe Hotel on December 8<sup>th</sup> 1956 according to Mr John Dixon who is sitting bottom centre with glasses, bow tie and moustache. He was there to collect the SMAE Trophy. Others have identified themselves and others and I intend getting an article produced for the BMFA News in the future.

My grateful thanks to Terry Watson, Hon. Mem. and Eric Clark Hon. Mem. for their continuing help and assistance, also the office staff for their cups of tea and coffee.

Kath Watson, FSMAE.  
Vice President & Archivist  
7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2012